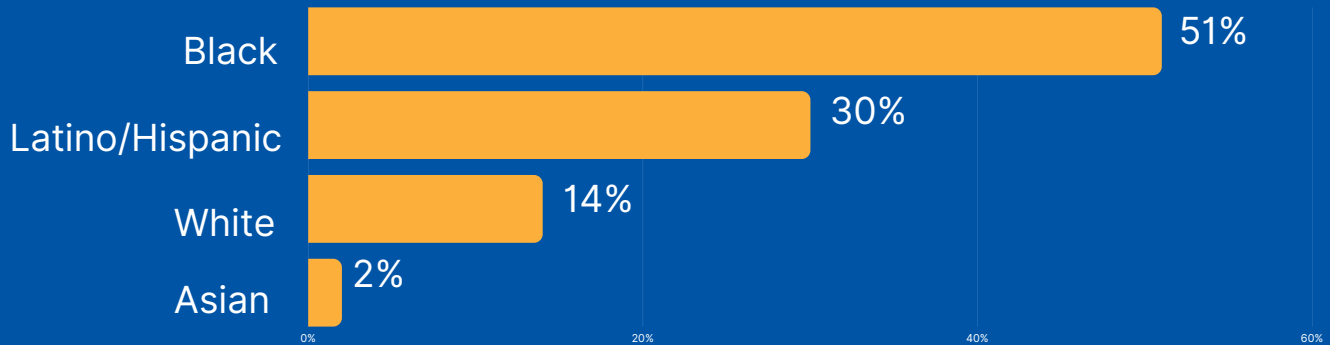







Increasing HIV Prevention Among Young Black Men who have Sex with Men (YBMSM) in the U.S.

Of HIV diagnoses among MSM ages 13-24, 51% were Black¹



HIV Risk Factors for YBMSM^{2,3,4,5,6}

Psychosocial Stressors	Living in communities with high rates of poverty, crime and substance use contribute to mental distress & risky sexual behaviors		YBMSM are more likely to live in neighborhoods with these stressors
Homelessness	Homeless youth tend to engage in risky sexual behaviors		1/3 of YBMSM with HIV have a history of homelessness
Substance Use	Associated with decreased engagement in care		More than 80% of YBMSM with HIV have engaged in substance use
Depressive Symptoms	Associated with poor adherence		More than 50% YBMSM with HIV report having depressive symptoms
Sexual Relationships with Older Men	YBMSM are more likely to have older sex partners		Therefore, YBMSM are more likely to encounter a partner with HIV

Uptake of HIV prevention options among YBMSM lags due to the lingering effects of intersectional oppression from: ⁶

- HIV stigma & homophobia
- Sexual prejudice & racism
- Institutional and provider bias & health policy barriers



Self-reported antiretroviral adherence and viral suppression among YBMSM with HIV is associated with: ²



Lack of depressive symptoms



Higher levels of tangible support



Being stably housed within the past 6 months



Any disclosure to sex partners

Recommendations for maximizing HIV prevention strategies among YBMSM ⁶

- Expand access to HIV testing in non-clinical settings
- Increase provider training in clinical and cultural humility
- Develop/expand culturally tailored HIV prevention and care models for YBMSM
- Address structural and policy barriers to PrEP uptake
- Prioritize public health strategies to reduce undiagnosed/unsuppressed HIV in sexual networks
- Foster synergies between behavioral and biomedical HIV prevention approaches
- Focus on distal determinants of health

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